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SUBJECT: FRENCH ADHERENCE TO IEA ALTERNATIVE SOURCES
POLICY

REF: ROME 3825 (NOTAL)

1. DE GUIRINGAUD AND CABOUAT ARE GONE UNTIL MORNING
OF MARCH 19 ON SEPARATE TRIPS TO THE MIDDLE EAST.
HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT THE NEW EC ENERGY
COMMITTEE WILL BE MEETING ON MORNING OF MARCH 19, WE
THOUGHT IT BETTER TO PASS ON VIEWS TRANSMITTED REFTEL
TO BRUNET, WHO, ALTHOUGH HE WILL NOT ATTEND BILATERAL
DINNER, WILL REPRESENT FRANCE AT MEETING OF EC ENERGY
COMMITTEE.

2. BRUNET IMMEDIATELY RECOGNIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF
ENDERS' MESSAGE AND SAID HE WOULD SEE THAT IT WAS GIVEN
CAREFUL CONSIDERATION. HE PROMISED TO DISCUSS IT WITH
DE GUIRINGAUD AS SOON AS HE RETURNS TO PARIS AND SAID
THAT DE GUIRINGAUD WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO STATE
FRENCH POLICY ON THIS QUESTION AT THE BILATERAL DINNER.

3. BRUNET WAS RATHER GUARDED AS TO WHAT THAT POLICY
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WAS. HE AGREED THAT THE EC ENERGY COMMITTEE WAS THE

BEST PLACE FOR WORKING OUT DETAILS OF FRANCE'S RELATIONS TO IEA POLICIES. HOWEVER, HE SAID FRANCE WOULD NOT SIMPLY RUBBER-STAMP WHATEVER WAS AGREED ON IN THE IEA. HE ADDED THAT, WHILE THE GOF SHARED THE OBJECTIVE OF THE ALTERNATIVE SOURCES POLICY NOW BEING DEVELOPED BY THE IEA, IT BELIEVED THAT EACH NATION SHOULD PURSUE THOSE OBJECTIVES THROUGH MEASURES MOST APPROPRIATE TO ITS OWN SITUATION.

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